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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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WELFARE

ADMINISTRATOR, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE FOR

DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION

SUBJECT:

Domestic Council Review of the Federal

Drug Abuse Program

The President has directed the Domestic Council to undertake a priority review of the overall Federal effort in the prevention and treatment of drug abuse.

The objectives of this review will be to: (1) assess the effectiveness of our current drug programs and policies; and (2) determine if our drug strategy, priorities and organizational structures are appropriate to meet current needs. Additionally, the review will focus on the continuing need for, and structure of, an Executive Office drug management and coordination mechanism.

To carry out this study, the President has authorized the creation of an interagency Drug Review Task Force, chaired by the Domestic Council, and consisting of high-level representatives of each of your Departments and Agencies. The Task Force will be responsible for the preparation of a White Paper on Drug Abuse for the President's consideration by September 1, 1975.

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I would appreciate your designation of an appropriate official as your representative on the Drug Review Task Force. I would also appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that necessary support is made available to the Task Force on a priority basis.

Any questions you may have concerning this matter should be directed to Dick Parsons of my staff, who will be coordinating this effort on behalf of the President. He can be reached at 456-2562, Room 234 OEOB.

Sincerely,

Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs

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